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Dr. Robert F. Thorne
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 North College Ave.
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Thorne:

Here we go again - 1 good specimen and 1 very bad one. Will write for a better one of No. 2 if it doesn't ring any bells at first glance. Am curious about No. 1, which doesn't look like what we called crab-apples in Ohio.

No. 1: From Hawthorne, Calif. - "Enclosed are apples from a tree that is growing in my yard. I think they are crab-apples. We have never used any. They don't grow much bigger than this but the tree is full. Or what kind of tree is it? The seed came from Washington and the tree is 4 or 5 years old. Has beautiful dark pink flowers in the spring. Is it just an ornamental tree, or can the fruit be used for jelly?"

No. 2: From Dinuba, Calif. - "I have heard that the plant this leaf is from is very poisonous. Is this true?"

Datura
Thanks again for any help you can give on these.

Very truly yours,

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